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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREA RESUMES PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS

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1. SUMMARY: NORTH KOREAN DMZ PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS  
CEASED JAN 25, BUT BOTH SIDES CONTINUE TO TRADE ACCUSATIONS  
REGARDING THEM. END SUMMARY.

2. SUBSEQUENT TO TRANSMISSION OF REFTEL, PROPAGANDA  
BROADCASTS BY NORTH GUARD POSTS ALONG DMZ  
CONTINUED THROUGH THE EVENING OF 24 JAN, GENERALLY  
REPEATING VARIATIONS OF PREVIOUSLY REPORTED THEMES,  
THEN CEASED. THE LAST REPORTED TEXT OF A BROADCAST  
STATED "BECAUSE YOU VIOLATED THE JOINT AGREEMENT OF  
4 JULY 1972, WE BEGAN BROADCASTING TO SOUTH. IF YOU DO  
IT AGAIN, WE WILL BEGIN AGAIN". ALL BROADCASTING  
WAS REPORTED TERMINATED BY 0345 ON THE MORNING OF  
25 JAN, 1975.

3. THE ROKS PROTESTED THE RESUMPTION OF THIS TYPE  
ACTIVITY IN TWO HOT LINE MESSAGES TO PYONGYANG,  
JAN 25. JCS DIRECTOR LT. GEN LEW PYONG-HYON  
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HAS TOLD US NORTH LET HOT LINE PHONE RING FOR OVER SIX

HOURS FIRST TIME ROKS CALLED. LEW SAID ROKG SIMPLY PROTESTED BROADCASTS AND ASKED THAT THEY BE STOPPED.

4. PYONGYANG'S HOT LINE RESPONSE TO THE INITIATED ROK PROTEST, AS REPORTED BY RADIO PYONGYANG, CHARGED THE ROK'S WITH REPEATED VIOLATIONS OF THE SPIRIT OF THE 4 JULY 1972 AGREEMENT. THE MESSAGE ALSO CHARGED THE ROK WITH VIOLATIONS OF A 4 NOV 1972 AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY BANNING FRONT LINE PROPAGANDA BROADCASTS. SEOUL WAS FURTHER CHARGED WITH HAVING IGNORED NUMEROUS WARNINGS ABOUT THE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS. THE NORTH KOREAN RESPONSE INDICATED THAT PYONGYANG CONSIDERS ANTI-NORTH KOREAN ASPECTS OF ROK PUBLICITY CONCERNING THE ASSASSINATION INCIDENT AND THE DMZ TUNNEL DISCOVERY AS BEING IN VIOLATION OF THE JULY 1972 AGREEMENT.

4. NORTH KOREAN SPOKESMAN FOR SOUTH/NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE ISSUED STATEMENT JAN 26 STERNLY DENOUNCING SOUTH FOR INITIATING BROADCASTS AND DISTORTING FACTS BY FABRICATING THAT NORTH HAD DONE SO. SPOKESMAN SAID NORTH WOULD CONTINUOUSLY ABIDE BY JULY 4 JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND WARNED THAT IF PARK CHUNG HEE REGIME DOES NOT DO LIKEWISE NORTH WILL RESOLUTELY TAKE PROPER MEASURES AGAINST THE SOUTH.

5. ROKG HAS RESPONDED WITH ITS OWN COUNTER-ACCUSATIONS. CULTURAL INFORMATION MINISTER MR. LEE WON-KYUNG IN PUBLIC STATEMENT GIVEN MAJOR FRONT PAGE PLAY IN ALL PAPERS BLAMED NORTH KOREANS FOR BETRAYING AGREEMENT OF SOUTH/NORTH COORDINATING COMMITTEE TO STOP SLANDEROUS BROADCASTS. LEE SAID THAT LATEST "PROPAGANDA OF THE NORTH IS SERIOUS" AND "GOVERNMENT HAS ALREADY TAKEN MEASURES" (I.E. VIA HOT LINE) STRICTLY WARNING COMMUNISTS TO IMMEDIATELY STOP THEIR PROVOCATIVE ACTIVITIES AGAINST SOUTH. HE ADDED THAT COMMUNISTS ARE NOW SEEMINGLY ATTEMPTING TO FIND AN EXCUSE TO TRIGGER MILITARY PROVOCATION IN ANTICIPATION THAT THERE MUST BE CHAOS IN THE SOUTH IN THE COURSE OF THE NATIONAL

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REFERENDUM. ROKG HAS ALSO ARRANGED FULL BRIEFING ON JAN 27 OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY DEFENSE COMMITTEE ON RESUMPTION OF BROADCASTS.

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